

**ABSTRACT**

Disclosed is an EL element in which the rigidity and thermal expansion of the whole EL element is homogeneous, the spacing  
5 between film substrates provided respectively on both sides of the EL element can be kept constant, and the whole EL element is flexible. The EL element comprises a first film substrate, an EL part, and a sealant layer, the EL part comprising a first electrode, an EL layer, and a second electrode and being provided on a part of a surface of the first  
10 film substrate, the sealant layer being provided to cover the EL part and to cover the EL part-free part of the surface of the first film substrate in such a manner that the sealant layer covering the EL part is contiguous with the sealant layer covering the EL part-free part of the surface of the first film substrate.